

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program - Jordan

1. Purpose. To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Jordan to assist in selection and preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. Facts.

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length- Approximately 12 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates- January and July of each year. FAOs should not plan on early arrival due to housing constraints.

(3) Program Description- Up to four FAOs per year conduct ICT in Jordan. The program consists of advanced language training in local dialect with a private tutor, attendance at a Jordanian Army combat arms advanced course (5-6 months), a brief period of assignment to a Jordanian Army unit (often an FTX), and in-country/regional orientation and studies.

(4) Prerequisites- CPT/MAJ; branch immaterial; Arabic 2/2/1+ language.

b. Property:

(1) Government:

(a) Vehicles: The station has two FAO vehicles, a 1999 Isuzu Trooper and a 1991 Jeep Cherokee. The vehicles are Government property for use in support of regional travel. They are for official use only. They are *not* a substitute for personal transportation.

(b) Furniture: The FAO residences come fully furnished, to include major appliances.

(c) Office: The FAOs maintain an office in the Embassy. The office is equipped with a computer, copier, fax and other equipment.

c. Personal:

(a) POV: The FAO is authorized shipment of one POV. This is recommend. Normal shipping time is three months, so ship early. Jordan prohibits shipping POVs older than 5 years or diesel-powered vehicles. Some duty free cars are available for local purchase. Unleaded gas is available in Jordan. USAA does not insure vehicles in Jordan, but the Embassy GSO can facilitate other arrangements. Harry M. Jannette International insures vehicles in Jordan (www.jannetteintl.com).

(b) Household Goods: FAOs are normally authorized partial JFTR, since most furnishings and major appliances are provided. FAOs should bring only personal items, clothing, decorative items such as wall hangings, kitchen and gardening supplies, and entertainment items, such as computers, stereos, and televisions. Incoming FAOs should contact the resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage.

(c) FAOs should bring field gear, to include a Kevlar helmet and LBE, since this is required for FTXs and there is no military agency in country to support these needs.

d. Housing: A Post Housing Board assigns government-leased quarters based on family size. Housing tends to be more than adequate. Rental costs are covered by the Government so FAOs do not receive OHA/BAQ.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: The Embassy has a superb nursing staff. Routine medical care beyond their capabilities, and dental care is provided by both U.S. and European-trained doctors in Amman's hospitals. Extraordinary cases can be referred to U.S. medical facilities in Germany.

(2) Dependent Schooling: The American Community School (ACS) is accredited for grades K-12. Approximately 150 Americans attend ACS. Preschools in English and other languages (Arabic, French, Spanish, and German) are available at personal cost.

(3) PX/Commissary: The Embassy operates a co-operative for limited commissary items. Most consumer items can be found in Jordan, but expect to pay substantially more for goods at the co-operative or on the economy than you would in most US locations. Most families make extensive use of mail order catalogs for non-consumable items. Contact incumbent FAOs for list of hard-to-get items.

(4) Recreation. The Embassy compound contains a variety of services to include a swimming pool, restaurant/bar, and video rental/gift shop. The Community

Liaison Office (CLO) offers information and coordinates a wide variety of activities within the local community.

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3. Additional Information.

- a. Entry requirements (NOTE: *This information is subject to change. Recommend incoming FAOs check DoD 4500.54G, Foreign Area Clearance Guide and w/sponsor NLT 90 days before PCS*). FAOs require Diplomatic passports; family members require Official (maroon) passports. Visas are required for all FAOs and family members. Health/ immunization requirements: FAOs should ensure their inoculations are up to date for regional travel before arrival in country. FAOs will normally attend INTAC prior to arrival in country.

- b. Bring professional books concerning training, tactical operations, staff operations, and weapons systems. Also, include Arabic language materials. Recommend FAOs bring materials for completion of CGSC.

- c. Formal (coat & tie) civilian clothing is standard attire for the US Embassy in Jordan. FAOs are authorized a Civilian Clothing Allowance. Bring all your military clothing items. BDUs (DCUs preferred) or Class Bs (short sleeves) are generally worn when visiting military headquarters or attending military functions. Class As and dress blues are required items.

- d. Travel Priorities:

Priority One - Jordan, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Kuwait.
Priority Two - Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, other Gulf States, Iran*, Iraq*.
PriorityThree - Sudan, Algeria, Oman, Yemen, and Libya*.

* current travel restrictions apply.

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